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NATIONAL WILDLIFE RECREATIONAL SURVEY BEGINS

A National Wildlife Recreational Survey to determine how many people participate in outdoor activities related to wildlife will begin this month, Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

The survey, the fifth in a series that began in 1955, will collect telephone interviews from more than 100,000 households in all 50 States. The interviews will be conducted by a professional opinion research company and will be gathered in communities varying in size from the largest urban centers to the smallest rural areas. Those interviewed will be asked to speak for their household in answer to such questions as whether any household members have hunted or fished in recent years, have engaged in recreational (target) shooting, or have been active in wildlife photography.

Just as past surveys have, the present survey will obtain a broad range of information that will be extremely valuable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and to State fish and game directors in managing wildlife resources.

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